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**Outdoor Committee Meeting
January 11, 2015**

Present: Dave Hamilton (Co-Overall), Sean Maharg (Co-Overall), Josie Hamilton, Krista Hamilton, Shane Tamcke (Beef), Tara Parry, McKenzie Parry, Keegan Brewer, Vanessa Olson (Rabbit), Mariah Olson, Janell Van Diest, Damon Van Diest, Janell Swanson, Dave Swanson (Swine), Jeff Patten (Sheep), Calvin Gebhardt, McKay Gebhardt, Mary Meyer (Extension), Wade Bratlien, Olivia Harris, Tanner Harris, C.J. (Charles) Geier, B.J. Geier, Ken McNeil, Andrea Corbally, Cash Corbally, Randi O'Shea, Chad O'Shea, Michelle Gransberry (Round Robin), Katie Grady Selby (Herdsmanship), Jaime Pandis, Madelynn Pandis, Marvin Allison, Sheri Onstott, Cody Barnes, Anita Wilson, Lisa Grady (Herdsmanship), Jim Ashmore, Cecella Newman, Nicole Newman, Wes Brewer (Barn Security), Brendon Brewer, Keegan Brewer, Janet Cerovski (Extension Office)

The meeting was called to order by David Hamilton.

The November 16, 2015 meeting minutes were presented. The following amendments will be made

Horse project: Dawn Schneider reported the helmet video will be January 6. The first Indoor workshop was well attended. The next workshop will be December 21, 2015. The projects 1st ride is January 17th. Dawn invited anyone interested in the horse project to attend the December meeting as they will be reviewing the edited version of the Policy Manual for Horse.

Shane Tamcke made a motion to approve the meeting minutes as amended. Jeff Patten seconded.

Superintendent Reports

Barn Security – No Report

Beef – Cody Barnes reported that they tagged 48 steers. The steers all look really nice this year. There will be a fitting/clipping clinic February 21st at the BHB at 1:00

Dairy – Nothing to report

Dog – Janell Swanson reported that the dogs are taking off a couple weeks.

Goat – Nothing to Report

Herdsmanship – Nothing to report

Horse – David Hamilton reported the following: The first helmet care in Safety video workshop was held on the 6th with fair attendance. The first open ride for the horse project is on Sunday. No indoor workshop scheduled for January. The edited version of the horse policy manual will be submitted to the project members tonight which will go in front of the committee for approval at the January 18th meeting. Lots of activities scheduled for February please watch the newsletter and emails for updates

Livestock Judging – Mary Meyer reported that anyone wanting to judge at the KMON please let Mary or Georgana know. Please see the newsletter for more information.

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Poultry – Nicole Newman reported that there will be a workshop Sunday January 17th at 12:30 @the BHB

Quality Assurance – Mary reported that there was a great turnout at the Workshop. Thanked all those who helped. The next one will be April 22nd.

Rabbit – Vanessa Olson reported the next meeting will be December 28, 2015 at 5:30 PM.

Round Robin – Nothing to report

Sale – Had a meeting and things are off and running.

Sheep – Jeff Patton reported the next meeting will be January 31.

Swine – Dave Swanson reported they will have a workshop January 29th @ 5:30 at the BHB

Extension – Judge: In communication but have not secured the judge for 2016 yet Carcass Evaluation Workshop: Feb. 20th in Butte, look in the newsletter for details. Rachel Endecott, MSU Beef Cattle Specialist, will provide instruction and Ranchland has generously allow us to come in on their day off to look at hanging carcasses. After the workshop we will head to Fairmont for the afternoon (paid on own).

Quality Assurance: Hugely successful from the planning of the Ambassadors and Junior Superintendents! Thank you! The next Quality Assurance Training will be held April 22, 2016 at 6 PM in the BHB.

Previously I had told presenters they would not receive credit for presenting. After some discussion, that is incorrect. If any youth member wants to help put on the April 22, 2016 Quality Assurance Training they WILL receive their three year renewal credit in order to show at the Fair. Please contact Mary Meyer if you are willing to help put on the next Quality Assurance Training. Priority will be given to the Outdoor Jr. Superintendents.

4-H Concept: What can we do to work together for the kids and the program? How do we get more people to take a broad look at 4-H? Everyone is welcome to their opinion, but at the same time 4-H isn't about opinions, it's about positive learning experiences and helping youth grow up to be caring and contributing adults. Whatever the project, it is the tool for learning. When I worked for the 4-H Foundation my boss would always say, "Blue ribbon kids are far more important than blue ribbon projects."

Meetings: As a clarification from the last meeting, in 4-H we try to teach how to run a meeting, but we don't always follow strict Roberts Rule of Order. That would include things like opening and closing ceremonies. Strict order says no discussion can take place until a motion has been made. We often begin discussing a topic and then a motion emerges. This is okay to do in 4-H, but as a clarification we don't always follow strict Roberts Rule of Order, we all make mistakes and we want to help the members and kids feel comfortable in the process even when it's not perfect. The proper way to state a motion: "I move..."

Old Business

- 1.) Sheep Hair Breeds – there has been discussion that the minimum weight is too high and that it needs to be lowered. Jeff Patten made a recommendation to lower that we should lower the bottom weight to 80 pounds. Jim Ashmore moved that the hair breed lower weight be lowered to 80 pounds from 90 pounds for the 2016 fair to see if it will help ensure they make weight. Janelle Swanson seconded. With some discussion the motion passed unanimously.
- 2.) Tagging multiply animals- This has been pushed to a committee that will come up with a survey to pass out to the youth members and try determining if it is something they want to do.

New Business

- 1.) Breeding Animals – David Hamilton talked about the fact that the multipurpose building is about out of room. We seem to be getting more and more breeding projects that want to come to the fair. He brought up that maybe we should look at letting all the large animal breeding stock come in the day of the show and then leave the same day. This would not be a mandatory thing but would have to state on the entry forms that you would need pens if you decided to keep your animals there.
Katie Grady-Selby made a motion to allow large animal breeding projects to come in the day of their show and then leave. They must declare on their entry form. Wade Bratlien seconded. Members choosing to leave their animals at the fair will have to come in and remove the same time as the Market animals. Passed unanimously
- 2.) Premium Books- Get your corrections to Dave or Sean by the 24th and then we will forward to Janet.
- 3.) Discussion on the Sale Order – There was a discussion on how the sale order is currently determined. Some people feel that it needs to go to a ribbon type sale vs. random draw like it is now. There were about 15 youth members in attendance and David Hamilton asked them for their opinion. All 15 members had no issues with the way it currently is run and felt that it should stay the way it currently is done. The discussion ended with Dave Swanson making a motion to not have discussion again. Shane Tamcke seconded. Motion passed unanimously
- 4.) Sheep – Hair Breed Discussion – Jim Ashmore would like to form a committee to review the birthdates of the hair breed sheep. Jeff Patten made a motion to change the birthdate requirements of the hair breed sheep for the 2017 program year from January 1st of the current fair year to August 1st of the year prior to the current fair year. Jim Ashmore seconded the motion. David Hamilton referred this to committee with Jeff Patten as the committee chair to research and bring back more facts back to the Outdoor Committee at the March Meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:55 PM.